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Jerry Schmitz
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SUBJECT: General Order 112-E Comprehensive Audit of the Southwest Gas Corporation,
Needles Division's Gas Distribution System Operation and Maintenance Program.

Dear Mr. Schmitz:

The staff of Safety and Enforcement Division (SED) of the California Public Utilities Commission conducted a General Order (G.O) 112-E Comprehensive Operation and Maintenance audit of Southwest Gas Corporation's (SWG) Needles Division Gas Distribution Operation and Maintenance program on May 7-9, 2013.

During the audit, SED staff reviewed operation and maintenance records for the period of January 2010 through April 2013 and conducted field inspections of various gas operation and maintenance related activities in the Needle Division. SED staff also reviewed SWG's operator qualification records, which included field observations of randomly selected individuals performing covered tasks. SED staff did not observe any probable violations during the audit.

If you have any questions, please call Matthewson Epuna at (213) 576-7014 or Randy Holter at (213) 576-7021

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Michael Robertson'.

Michael Robertson, Program Manager
Gas Safety and Reliability Branch
Safety and Enforcement Division

cc: Randy Holter, SED / GSRB
Debra Gallo, SWG
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